



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

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Hazardous Materials: Notice of Public Meetings in 2023 for International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA),
Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of 2023 public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that PHMSA's Office of Hazardous Materials Safety will host four public meetings during 2023 in advance of certain international meetings. For each of these meetings, PHMSA will solicit public input on current proposals.

DATES: Each public meeting will take place approximately two weeks preceding the international meeting.

- The first meeting will be held in preparation of the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP) Working Group 23 (WG/23) scheduled for May 15–19, 2023, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- The second meeting will be held in preparation of the 62nd session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE TDG) scheduled for July 3–July 7, 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The third meeting will be held in preparation of the 29th session of the ICAO DGP (DGP/29) scheduled for November 13–17, 2023, in Montreal, Canada.
- The fourth meeting will be held in preparation of the 63rd session of the UNSCOE TDG scheduled for November 27–December 6, 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland.

ADDRESSES: DOT Headquarters, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. A remote participation option will also be available. Specific information for

each meeting will be posted when available on the PHMSA website at www.phmsa.dot.gov/international-program/international-program-overview under “Upcoming Events.” This information will include the public meeting date, time, remote access login, conference dial-in number, and details for advanced registration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Webb or Aaron Wiener, PHMSA, U.S. Department of Transportation, by phone at 202-366-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The purpose of PHMSA’s public meetings held in advance of certain international meetings is to allow the public to give input on the current proposals being considered by the international standards setting bodies.

The 62nd and 63rd sessions of the UNSCOE TDG will represent the first round of meetings scheduled for the 2023–2024 biennium. The UNSCOE TDG will consider proposals for the 24th Revised Edition of the *United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Model Regulations* (Model Regulations), which may be implemented into relevant domestic, regional, and international regulations starting January 1, 2027. Copies of working documents, informal documents, the agenda, and the post-meeting final report may be obtained from the United Nations Transport Division’s website at www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html.

The ICAO DGP-WG/23 and DGP/29 meetings will represent the second and final round of meetings of the 2022–2023 biennium. The ICAO DGP will consider proposals for the 2024–2025 edition of the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284). Copies of working papers, information papers, the agenda, and the post-meeting final report may be obtained from the ICAO DGP website at www.icao.int/safety/DangerousGoods/Pages/DGPMeetings.aspx.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 17, 2023.

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